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In re Application of SUN et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/541,058 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/CN03/01145 : COMMUNICATION
Int. Filing Date: 30 December 2003 :
Priority Date Claimed: 31 December 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 8231.015 :
For: 4-NITRO-2[(4'-METHOXY)-PHENOXY]- :
METHANESULFONANILIDE . . . :

This is in response to applicant's "Response to Notification of Defective Response" filed 21 April 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 30 December 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/CN03/01145, which claimed priority of an earlier China application filed 31 December 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 15 July 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 30 June 2005.

On 29 June 2005, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 03 March 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 13 March 2006, applicant filed an executed declaration.

On 17 April 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916).

On 21 April 2006, applicant filed the present response.

DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the declaration filed 13 March 2006 is proper and that the Notification of Defective Response was sent in error.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed 17 April 2006 is hereby VACATED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 30 December 2003, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 13 March 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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Dear Examiner Anderson:

Further to our recent telephone conversation, attached hereto is our Response to the Notification of Defective Response.

Please contact us with any questions.

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DERIVATIVES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL USE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE REPOSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

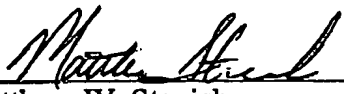
In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated April 17, 2006 please note that the Declaration submitted with the Reply to Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 13, 2006 includes the true signatures of each of the inventors.

Therefore, it is believed that the Notification of Defective Response was issued in error and that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §111 have been met.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/29/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 06/29/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/29/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/29/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/29/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/13/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/29/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/29/2005
- Power of Attorney filed on 03/13/2006

Applicant's response filed 03/13/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 03/03/2006 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the Inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed

to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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